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SUBJECT: CYPRUS - REPORTED TURK DEMARCHE TO GREEKS ON
GRIVAS

REF: ANKARA 3069

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY ANKARA THAT TIMING
OF BAYULKEN' S REPORTED DEMARCHE TO GOG AMBASSADOR RE GRIVAS
IS INTRIGUING, REASONS FOR SUBSTANCE OF GOT MESSAGE SEEM TO
US LOGICAL.

A. FIRST, BAYULKEN APPEARS TO BE MAKING POINT THAT
GOT BELIEVES THAT GOG DOES HAVE AT LEAST SOME DEGREE OF
CONTROL OVER GRIVAS.

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B. SECOND, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY GOT SEEMS GENUINELY DISTURBED ABOUT DETERIORATION IN LOCAL TALKS. DEPARTMENT'S VIEW IS BASED ON CONVICTION THAT GOT'S-- AND BAYULKEN'S-- SWITCH TO POSITIVE APPROACH TO LOCAL TALKS OVER LAST SEVERAL MONTHS SINCERE AND THAT TURK HAVE (OR HAD) HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF TALKS. TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY GRIVAS HAS BROUGHT INCREASING RIGIDITY ON PART OF TURK CYPRIOT AND NOW TALKS ARE ON VERGE OF STANDSTILL.

C. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE GOT WORRIED, AS INDEED IT SHOULD BE, THAT INCREASING TEMPO OF GRIVAS-INSPIRED VIOLENCE WILL EVENTUALLY SPILL OVER INTO TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. FROM HERE POINT SEEMS TO BE THAT TURKS INTERESTED IN SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF TURK CYPRIOT BROTHERS AND NOT IN AUGMENTING TURKISH FORCES ON CYPON ON PROJECT AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE ROME MEETING APRIL 27 AS FORUM. US REPRESENTATIVE WILL, HOWEVER, VOICE US RECOGNITION OF LONG RANGE PROBLEM AND EXPRESS OUR BELIEF THAT QTE THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY TO JOIN WITH THE COUNTRIES OF SAHELIAN ZONE TO LOOK AT THE MYRIAD PROBLEMS OF THESE ARID LANDS IN DETAIL AND TO SEARCH FOR APPROPRIATE MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE SOLUTIONS TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THE ARID AREAS. UNQTE.

3. POSTS WILL BE CONSULTED ON PROJECT PROPOSALS AT APPROPRIATE TIME AS PLANNING PROGRESSES. ROGERS

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